

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claims 29, 30, 37, and 39 have been amended. Specifically, claims 29 and 37 have been amended to replace the phrase "target polynucleotide sequence" with "target nucleotide sequence" in order to be consistent with the language of claim 27, from which both claims 29 and 37 ultimately depend. Support for the amendment is found, for example, at page 9, lines 27, 29, 31, and 33 of the specification.

Claim 30 has been amended to correct a grammatical error to replace the word "comprise" with "comprises."

Claim 39 has been amended to replace "comprises" with "is," for consistency of language with claims 37 and 42, as supported in the specification on page 32, lines 32-34.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant understands that consideration of an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 cannot be demanded as a matter of right. However, Applicant believes that the proposed amendments are warranted, and that the proposed amendments require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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